



## **PERQUIMANS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES**

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### **PRESS RELEASE – Ocean Highway Motor Vehicle Accident**

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On April 11, 2021 at 7:35 p.m., the Perquimans County 911 Center received multiple calls for a motor vehicle collision involving two vehicles at the intersection of Ocean Highway and Hopewell Road.

The following agencies responded: Bethel Fire Department, Hertford Fire Department, the Perquimans County Sheriff's Office, Perquimans County EMS, Chowan County EMS, NC State Highway Patrol, and two East Care Air Ambulances.

Chief Darren Saunders with Bethel Fire Department provided Incident Command per established National Incident Management System (NIMS) guidelines. Two of the vehicles' occupants were transported by Perquimans County EMS to Vidant Chowan Hospital where one patient was then airlifted by East Care Air Ambulance to Vidant Medical Center. A third occupant involved in the collision succumbed to injuries on scene. The incident is under investigation by the NC State Highway Patrol.

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